

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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the network element wherein in response to requests (RQ), the objects are stored into the memory and individual objects (MO*) are swapped out to make room for new data according to predetermined criteria. These objects are transferred to the database (DB). Only upon reception of a request (RQ*) for access to an object (MO*) , which is no longer in the memory (MEM) , will this object (MO*) be read from the database and transferred back into the memory. The controller manages the network element in response to these requests.

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